

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

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*1. Please add the following paragraph after paragraph [0018]:*

Fig. 4A shows an enlarged detail of a transition edge region of the transverse element, which is shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 4.

*2. Please amend paragraph [0031] as follows:*

[0031] An important difference between the transverse element 10 according to the present invention and the transverse element according to the state of the art relates to the design at the transition of the supporting surface 16 to the pulley sheave contact surface 18, and is illustrated by means of FIG. 4 **and FIG. 4A**. A region which is located between the supporting surface 16 and the pulley sheave contact surface 18 is hereinafter referred to as transition edge region 40.

*3. Please amend paragraph [0033] as follows:*

[0033] The transverse element 10 according to the present invention comprises a curved transition surface 17, which is connected to the supporting surface 16 **on an interior side and extends toward the direction of the pulley sheave contact surface 18 on an exterior side**. In the shown example, the shape of this transition surface 17 is comparable to the shape of the transition surface 30 of the transverse element according to the state of the art, as becomes apparent from FIG. 4 **and FIG. 4A**. The curvature of the transition surface 17 is convex, wherein the transition surface 17 is declined in the direction of the tilting line 20, starting from the supporting surface 16.

*4. Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows:*

[0034] According to an important aspect of the present invention, a distance surface 41 is located between the transition surface 17, **on an interior side**, and the pulley sheave contact surface 18, **on an exterior side**. The distance surface 41 in its entirety is situated below the supporting surface 16, and, in the shown example, extends substantially parallel to the supporting surface 16. Furthermore, the distance surface 41 is connected to the curved transition surface 17 through a concave portion 42, and to the pulley sheave contact surface 18 through a rounded off surface

43. In this example, the transverse element 10 is rounded off relatively sharply, wherein a relatively small rounding-off radius is applied, at the connection of the distance surface 41 to the pulley sheave contact surface 18. This is not essential; the transverse element 10 may be rounded off less sharply than in the shown example at this connection of the distance surface 41 to the pulley sheave contact surface 18.